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## ANNUAL REPORT





# Annual Report

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

# ACWORTH

New Hampshire

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Please bring your Town Report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 1978

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## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Moderator

Kenneth Grant

### Board of Selectmen

Alston W. Barrett - 1978

Lyman A. Young - 1980

Raymond W. Roy - 1979

### Town Clerk

Brenda Pitkin

### Tax Collector

Leon F. Newton

### Treasurer

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

### Supervisors of the Checklist

Gladys Ring

Maude H. Moody

Roselva Deardon

### Overseer of the Poor and Health Officer

Roselva Deardon

### Auditor

Edward H. Brown

### Constable and Dog Warden

James Halstead - Resigned, December 1977

### Pound Keeper

Arthur W. Smith, Jr.

### Trustees of Trust Funds

Virginia Amsden - 1978

Don Sprague - 1980

Roscoe Clark - 1979

### Trustees of Acworth Silsby Free Library

Barbara Hartwell - 1978

Alva Grant - 1980

Nancy Poltrack - 1979

### Librarians:

Maude H. Moody

Ella P. Newton

### Budget Committee

William Austin III - 1978

Virginia Amsden - 1979, Resigned

Marshall Waller - Appointed

Elbert Knicely - 1980

Leon Dutton - 1978

Gordon H. Gowen - 1979

Roscoe Clark - 1980

### Road Agent Appointment

Don Porter

**Road Committee**

Elmer Rhoades - 1978 Chairman  
Francis Wood - 1979  
Carlton Tinker - 1980

Kenneth Christie - 1978  
Harvey Putnam - 1979  
Gordon H. Gowen - 1980

Don Porter - Road Agent

**Planning Board**

Fay Knicely - 1978 Chairman  
Kenneth Christie - 1979  
Frances Streeter - 1980

Robert Spaulding - 1978  
Maggie Hanson - 1979  
James G. Phinizy - 1980

**Conservation Commission**

Robert Yale - 1978, Chairman

Kenneth Grant - 1978  
Craig Lawler - 1978  
G. Kristian Fenderson - 1980

Kenneth Christie - 1979, Resigned  
Rose Knight - 1979, Appointed  
Elizabeth K. Smith - 1980  
Barbara Kaiser - 1979

**Tree Warden**

G. Kristian Fenderson - N.H. State Forester, Appointment

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Roscoe Clark - 1978  
William Austin III - 1980

Leon F. Newton - 1979  
Virginia Amsden - 1981

Kenneth Grant - 1982, Chairman

**Acworth Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.**

Elbert Knicely, Chief

Kenneth Grant - Secretary

Jack Berquist - Treasurer

**Fall Mountain Regional School Board Member**

Waldo Streeter

**Sanitation Officer**

Board of Selectmen

**Acworth Directors to Upper Valley - Lake Sunapee  
Regional Planning Commission**

G. Kristian Fenderson

James G. Phinizy

# ACWORTH TOWN WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next between the hours of three of the clock in the afternoon until nine of the clock in the evening; and,

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at seven-thirty of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.

2. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

3. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

4. To see if the Town will vote to pay to the Crescent Lake Association, Inc. (a non-profit organization), the sum of \$250.00, in order to increase police protection for property within the Crescent Lake area, to which the Crescent Lake Association, Inc., will match, dollar for dollar, to hire the services of Mr. Edward Bruno for year-round protection of cottages and road patrol.

5. To see if the Town will appropriate a total capital outlay sum of \$8,000.00 for reconstruction and repairs to the Acworth Silsby Free Library building, to be commenced during 1978.

6. To see if the Town will appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$13,500.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Silsby Free Library - Structural Repairs	\$ 8,000.00
Tax Map	1,000.00
Grader - Galion T-600 - Early Debt Retirement	4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>

7. To see if the Town will accept the Budget as submitted and recommended by the Budget Committee.

## TOWN WARRANT, Continued

8. To see if the Town will establish a Recreation Committee per R.S.A. 31:47, to consist of 5 persons whose duties it shall be to select and obtain the use of suitable areas for non-commercial recreational purposes. This committee to be appointed in 1978.

9. To see if the Town will empower the Planning Board pursuant to RSA 36:19-a to review, and approve or disapprove site plans for the development of tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or resubdivision of the site.

10. To see if the Town will vote to consider supporting a County solid waste facility, if such a facility is found feasible to construct and operate. (See letters on pages 56-57.)

11. To see if the Town could consider joining a neighboring town in a solid waste transfer station operation, if this operation should prove more economical than individual town operated stations. (See letters on pages 56-57.)

12. To see if the Town will take a consensus vote of the qualified voters as to whether the Historical Society should further proceed with a **History of Acworth**, as outlined in the Society's Report. (See pages 54-55.) By Society Request.

13. To see if the Town will vote to exempt itself from the requirement that the Town Clerk register applicants for the Voter Check List. Ref. (R.S.A. 55:9-C)

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, by means of public competitive bids, selected standing timber on Town Forest Land, in such amounts to benefit the remaining forest, and to use all revenue obtained from this article to accelerate repayment of principal of long term debt.

15. To see if the Town will vote to change the classification of Groat Hill Road from A. Supplee's property included, to and including R. Wilson's property Lot II from Class VI to Class V. By Petition.

16. To see if the Town will empower and direct the Selectmen to Lay Out a Class V Highway, upon receipt of a petition to do so, from Ingoldsby's dwelling north to the Max Boy dwelling. By Petition.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to Lay Out a Class V Highway of that portion of Road #92 (north end) from Acworth Town to Derry Hill, which presently is Class VI. By Petition.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to Lay Out a Class V Highway that section of the Old State Road (#102) from the Storms/Brown driveway westerly to the Colburn dwelling (formerly Hunt) westerly boundary presently classified as Class VI Highway. By Petition.

**TOWN WARRANT, Continued**

19. To see if the Town will vote to return to the unofficial ballot system for the election of town officers. (See Minutes of Article 4 of March 8, 1977 Town Meeting.)

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight (1978).

Selectmen of Acworth,

Alston W. Barrett  
Raymond W. Roy  
Lyman A. Young

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Alston W. Barret  
Raymond W. Roy  
Lyman A. Young

Acworth, N.H., February 27, 1978

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the South Acworth Village Store, it being a public place in said Town, on the 27th day February, 1978.

Alston W. Barrett  
Raymond W. Roy  
Lyman A. Young

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the records of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector, and Treasurer, and have found them to be correctly recorded and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward H. Brown, Town Auditor

January 31, 1978



## MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 1977

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. on March 8, 1977, according to the Warrant and acted on the articles thereon:

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth Grant. He read the warrant and the Reverend Harold Craw offered a prayer.

The following Town Officers were elected:

Selectmen	Lyman Young
Town Clerk	Brenda Pitkin
Tax Collector	Leon Newton
Treasurer	Earl Luther, Jr.
Overseer of Poor	Roselva Dearden
Auditor	Edward Brown
Constable	James Halstead
Dog Warden	James Halstead
Road Committee	Gordon Gowen Carl Tinker
Planning Board, 3 years	James Phinizy Fran Streeter
Planning Board, 2 years	Kenneth Christie Maggie Hanson
Planning Board, 1 year	Fay Knicely Robert Spaulding
Budget, 1 year	Leon Dutton
Budget, 3 years	Roscoe Clark Elbert Knicely
Trustee of Trust Funds	Don Sprague
Library Trustee	Alva Grant

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood and Fence Viewers.

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

**ARTICLE 4:** Tabled until March 1978.

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted to appropriate the total capital outlay sum of \$45,000.00 for reconstruction of Bridge #111/065 (The South Acworth Bridge) over Cold River.

**ARTICLE 6:** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw all principal and interest from Account #810053-3 and Account #7-1-0231-2 held by the Treasurer; these accounts being identified as South Acworth Bridge Reconstruction Capital Funds, for the purpose of offsetting the appropriated sum of \$45,000.00.

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING, Continued**

**ARTICLE 7:** Ballots Cast - 110. YES - 101 NO - 9 (2/3 76). Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a maximum of \$12,000.00 the needed balance for reconstructing the South Acworth Bridge #111/065; and to make minimum annual principal payments in the amount of \$3,000.00 to repay this debt.

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted to rescind affirmative Action taken on Article #9 at the Town Meeting of 1970, and any other action that may have been taken at any other meeting regarding the reconstruction of the South Acworth Bridge.

**ARTICLE 9:** Voted to appropriate a total of \$18.00 to supplement the cost of heat and utilities for the benefit of The Children and Youth Program at the Charlestown Medical Building. By Petition.

**ARTICLE 10:** Ballots Cast - 92. YES - 84 NO - 8 (2/3 62). Voted to appropriate a total sum of \$9,500.00 for the purchase price of the Galion Grader T-600 now in use; and to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a maximum sum of \$4,500.00 to be used towards this purchase; and repay this debt by making minimum annual principal payment of \$2,250.00.

**ARTICLE 11:** Voted for Town to appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purchase of Town Hall office equipment.

**ARTICLE 12:** Voted to appropriate a total sum of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of commencing compilation and preparation of the Tax Map (R.S.A. 31:95a); and to direct the Selectmen to withdraw the Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund (\$5,500.00 plus interest) to offset the above appropriated amount and to cease further payments to this fund.

**ARTICLE 13:** Voted the Town to appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$10,000.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith:

Grader	\$5,000.00
Acworth Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.	2,000.00
Town Hall Office Equipment	1,000.00
Town Map	1,000.00
Silsby Free Library	500.00
Charlestown Visiting Nurse Association	500.00
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	\$10,000.00

**ARTICLE 14:** Voted to accept the Budget as submitted and recommended by the Budget Committee.

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING, Continued**

**ARTICLE 15:** Voted to grant authorization to the Board of Selectmen to issue written permits to recognized snowmobile clubs for the purpose of creating, using, and maintaining trails over town-owned forest lands.

**ARTICLE 16:** Voted that the Town require that the Selectmen first obtain an affirmative two-thirds vote on a warrant article at a regular Town Meeting before being empowered to sell town-owned lots, and/or timber, gravel, and earth from any Town property in an amount exceeding \$100.00, based on unit prices prevailing during the calendar year of empowerments; and rescind any action taken on these subjects at prior Town Meetings.

**ARTICLE 17:** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell, by means of public competitive bids, selected standing timber on the Gove Lot, in such amounts as to benefit the remaining forest; selection and sale-management to be under the direction of the State Forester; and to use all revenue obtained under this Article to accelerate repayment of principal of long-term debts.

**ARTICLE 18:** Passed as amended to empower and direct the Selectmen to postpone the layout of any Class V and Class VI highway until a vote can be taken on the matter at a Town Meeting; regarding the need of such a layout for the general benefit of the residents and property owners of Acworth.

**ARTICLE 19:** Motion made and passed to Pursue the settlement agreement between the Town of Acworth and Davis & Symonds Lumber Co. matter by filing suit.

**ARTICLE 20:** Voted to accept \$300.00 per request of Stephen B. Bragdon, Administrator of the Estate of Albin Dressel, formerly of Acworth, who died June 26, 1974, for the perpetual care of Albin Dressel's cemetery lot.

**ARTICLE 21:** Voted to exclude from its Social Security plan services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than \$50.00.

**ARTICLE 22:** Get town reports out early. Post to public the deadline for filing dates, what time the voting hours are and what time the meeting will be held.

Mrs. Ingraham gave a talk on how she and the State plan on fixing up 123-A Roads.

Meeting adjourned 11:12 P.M.

Brenda Pitkin, Town Clerk

School Vote

Clifford J. Holmes

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**WARRANT — SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**July 12, 1977**

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes on the following Articles on Tuesday, the 12th day of July, next, at the Acworth Town Hall. The polls will be open from 11:45 of the clock in the forenoon until 8:00 of the clock in the evening.

1. To see whether the Town will replace the existing Zoning Ordinance with a new Zoning Ordinance as posted June 24, 1977.
2. To see whether the Town will amend the new Zoning Map by eliminating the Agricultural-Residential Districts from the Zoning Map.
3. To see whether the Town will amend the new Zoning Map by eliminating the Rural-Residential Districts from the Zoning Map.
4. To see whether the Town will amend the new Zoning Map by eliminating the Village Districts from the Zoning Map.
5. To see whether the Town will grant Site Plan Review authority to the Planning Board.
6. To see whether the Town will authorize the issuance of permits for the burials of deceased persons on private property.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third (23rd) day of June in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven (1977).

**SELECTMEN OF ACWORTH**

Alston W. Barrett  
Raymond W. Roy  
Lyman A. Young

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Alston W. Barrett  
Raymond W. Roy  
Lyman A. Young

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**July 12, 1977**

**MINUTES**

The polls opened at 11:45 A.M. by the Moderator, Kenneth Grant.

They closed at 8:00 with the final count on the following articles:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance (the so-called "Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977") as proposed by the planning Board?

YES 55 NO 107 BLANK 1

2. (Agricultural-Residential District - Brown)

If the Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977 proposed by the Planning Board is adopted, are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Map as follows:

"To change the Acworth Zoning Map of 1977 as appended to the newly adopted Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977 by including in the Forest and Agricultural District (Zone FA) all areas shown on the map in the Agricultural-Residential district (Zone AR)."

This amendment will change the map by eliminating the AR Zones and designating them as additional FA Zones, but will not change the language of the Zoning Ordinance itself nor eliminate any of its provisions.

YES 44 NO 114 BLANK 5

3. (Rural-Residential District - Orange)

If the Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977 proposed by the Planning Board is adopted are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Map as follows:

"To change the 'Acworth Zoning Map of 1977' as appended to the newly adopted Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977 by including in the Forest & Agricultural District (FA Zone) all areas shown on the map in the Rural-Residential District (Zone RR)."

This amendment will change the map by eliminating the RR Zones, and designating them as additional FA Zones, but will not change the language of the Zoning Ordinance itself nor eliminate any of its provisions.

YES 42 NO 105 BLANK 16

4. (Village District - Red)

If the Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977 proposed by the Planning Board is adopted, are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Map as follows:

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, Continued**

“To change the ‘Acworth Zoning Map of 1977’ as appended to the newly adopted Acworth Zoning Ordinance of 1977 by including in the Forest and Agricultural District (Zone FA) all areas shown on the map in the Village District (Zone V).”

This amendment will change the map by eliminating the V Zones, and designating them as additional FA Zones, but will not change the language of the Zoning Ordinance itself nor eliminate any of its provisions.

YES     33                      NO     114                      BLANK     16

5. Are you in favor of empowering the Planning Board pursuant to RSA 36:19-a of the New Hampshire Statutes to review, and approve or disapprove site plans for the development of tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or resubdivision of the site.

YES     59                      NO     95                      BLANK     9

6. Are you in favor of enacting the following ordinance concerning private burials:

“Be it enacted by the Town Meeting of the Town of Acworth that the Selectmen of the Town are hereby authorized to appoint up to two sub-registrars, in addition to the Town Clerk, pursuant to Chapter 290 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the said Town Clerk and sub-registrar being authorized hereby to issue burial permits for the burial of deceased persons and stillborn for burial in cemetery lots on private property within the Town of Acworth, whether such decease occurred within or without the Town of Acworth, all according to the aforesaid provisions of Chapter 290 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended and subject to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance.”

YES     67                      NO     83                      BLANK     13

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation 1977</u>	<u>Recommended 1978</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
Town Officer's Salaries	\$4,430.00	\$4,430.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,800.00
Election & Registration Expenses	500.00	500.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,000.00	1,500.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY:</b>		
Police Department inc., Dog Warden & Special Officer	650.00	650.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	2,500.00
Insurance	4,500.00	7,131.00
Planning & Zoning & Conser C ( $\$700 + 150 + 150$ )	1,000.00	1,000.00
Damages & Legal Expense inc., Dog Damage	1,000.00	1,100.00
Civil Defense	10.00	10.00
<b>HEALTH DEPT. [Incl. Hospitals &amp; Ambulance]</b>		
Visiting Nurse	1,250.00	1,242.00
Child & Youth Care	25.00	26.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES:</b>		
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	34,000.00	54,152.00
Street Lighting	600.00	800.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	12,000.00	14,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,131.00	1,081.00
<b>LIBRARIES:</b>	2,270.00	2,005.00
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE:</b>		
Town Poor	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00	600.00
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES [Memorial Day, Etc.]</b>	75.00	75.00
<b>RECREATION - Mowing Commens</b>	150.00	150.00
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>		
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	550.00	550.00

**BUDGET, Continued**

<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>	<b>Appropriation 1977</b>	<b>Recommended 1978</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>		
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	18,666.00	18,750.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	3,200.00	3,600.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,000.00	5,000.00
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY [List Below]:</b>		
South Acworth Bridge	45,000.00	0.00
Grader - Galion T-600	9,500.00	0.00
Town Hall Office Equipment	1,000.00	0.00
Tax Map	6,500.00	4,000.00
Highway Subsidy Class V (241:15)	0.00	7,436.00
Library Reconstruction	0.00	8,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$162,107.00</b>	<b>\$147,588.00</b>

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 1977</b>	<b>Actual 1977</b>	<b>Estimated 1978</b>
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**FROM STATE TAXES:**

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 4,000.00	\$7,486.72	\$ 7,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	600.00	793.52	700.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,000.00	3,130.08	3,100.00
Highway Subsidies Class V - 241:11, 14, 15	13,557.00	29,043.74	34,905.00
Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	847.00	847.00	889.00
Reimb. - State Forest Land	0.00	135.00	100.00

**FROM TOWN SOURCES:**

Dog Licenses	200.00	194.20	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	200.00	47.00	150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000.00	9,625.50	9,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	4,000.00	4,010.25	4,000.00
Withdrawal - Capital Reserve Funds	5,500.00	5,747.48	0.00
Resident Taxes	3,000.00	3,090.00	3,000.00
Yield Taxes - Timber	3,800.00	4,956.75	4,000.00
Rent of Town Property	0.00	85.00	100.00
Sale of Town Property - Bridge plans, Scrap iron	0.00	346.00	1,500.00
Notes - Long Term	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
Surplus - So. Acworth Bridge Accts. (2)	33,000.00	33,536.24	0.00
Federal Sources - CETA	0.00	5,405.76	6,240.00
Revenue Sharing Withdrawal	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,000.00

<b>TOTAL REVENUE EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$105,204.00</b>	<b>\$134,980.24</b>	<b>\$87,884.00</b>
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Estimated Net Town Appropriation - From Property Taxes	<b>\$ 59,704.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$147,588.00</b>
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**EXPLANATION OF TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

<b>Sources of Revenue</b>	<b>1977 Budget Appropriation</b>	<b>Proposed 1978 Budget Appropriation</b>
Town Taxes	\$20,443.00	\$20,443.00
Highway Subsidy RSA 241:14	13,557.00	13,211.00
Maintenance Allotment RSA 241:11	not included	14,258.00
Ceta (Swet)	not included	6,240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,000.00</b>	<b>\$54,152.00</b>

**Revenue received 1977**

Maintenance Allotment RSA 241:11	\$15,486.00	
Ceta (Swet)	5,405.00	
<b>TOTALS Compared</b>	<b>\$54,891.00</b>	<b>\$54,152.00</b>

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS — 1977**

**General Government:**

Town Officers Salaries	\$4,430.00
Town Officers Expenses	2,500.00
Election and Registration	500.00
Town Hall Expenses	1,000.00

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Department	650.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning - \$700 + \$150	850.00
Insurance	4,500.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Conservation Commission	150.00

**Health:**

Town Dump	2,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Child & Day Care	1,275.00

**Highways & Bridges:**

Town Road Aid	1,131.00
Town Maintenance	34,000.00
Street Lighting	600.00
General Expenses	12,000.00

**Library:**

2,270.00

**Public Welfare:**

Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00

**Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day	75.00
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**Recreation:**

Common - mowing	150.00
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**Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	300.00
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**Unclassified:**

Damages & Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Advertising and Regional Association	550.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	2,000.00

**Debt Service:**

Principal - Long Term Notes	18,666.00
Interest - Long Term Notes	3,200.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000.00

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, Continued**

**Capital Outlay:**

1. South Acworth Bridge	\$45,000.00
2. Grader - Galion T-600	9,500.00
3. Tax Map	6,500.00
4. Town Hall Office Equipment	1,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$162,107.00

**LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUES**

**Sources of Revenue:**

**From Town Taxes:**

Resident Taxes	\$ 3,420.00
Yield Taxes	4,993.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	4,000.00

**From State:**

Meals & Rooms Tax	3,130.00
Interest & Dividends Tax	7,487.00
Savings Bank Tax	794.00
Highway Subsidy 241:14	13,557.00
Reimbursement - State Forest Land	135.00

**From Town Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000.00
South Acworth Bridge Accounts	33,000.00

**Receipts other than Current Revenue:**

Proceeds of Long-Term Notes	16,500.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	5,500.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	10,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$109,906.00

Total Town Appropriations \$162,107.00

Less: Estimated Revenues 109,916.00

Net Town Appropriations \$ 52,191.00

Fall Mountain Regional School System Appropriation \$152,020.00

County Tax Assessments 26,199.00

TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY \$230,410.00

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, Continued**

Less: Total Business P. Tax Reimbursement	- 2,966.00
Add: War Service Credits	2,360.00
Add: Overlay	<u>3,191.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$232,995.00
Less: War Service Credits	<u>- 2,360.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$230,635.00</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR**

Gross Property Taxes	\$232,995.00
Less: war Service Tax Credits	<u>- 2,360.00</u>
<b>NET TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$230,635.00</b>

Town	\$ .94
School	2.50
County	<u>.44</u>

**TOTAL** \$3.88 per \$100.00 assessed valuation

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

Land:	\$2,188,433.00
Buildings:	3,624,100.00
Public Utilities (2)	156,706.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes, Trailers (28)	72,700.00
Boats (7)	<u>2,082.00</u>
<b>TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b>	<b>\$6,044,021.00</b>
Less: Elderly Exemptions (17)	- 34,000.00
Less: Blind Exemption (1)	<u>- 5,000.00</u>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>	<b>\$6,005,021.00</b>
Equalized Valuation - May 17, 1977	\$13,704,206.00
Number of Inventories Mailed	576
Date Inventories Mailed	March 16, 1977
Number of Inventories Returned	207

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
of  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

<u>Name of Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Town Officer Expenses	2,500.00	2,589.39	0.00	89.39
Election & Registration	500.00	418.00	82.00	0.00
Town Buildings	1,000.00	1,355.22	0.00	355.22
Police Department	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
Planning Board	700.00	347.09	352.91	0.00
Zoning Board	150.00	16.00	134.00	0.00
Insurance	4,500.00	1,936.00	2,564.00	0.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	3,050.80	0.00	2,050.80
Civil Defense	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
Conservation Comm.	150.00	185.00	0.00	35.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	1,294.87	705.13	0.00
Visiting Nurse	1,250.00	1,182.50	67.50	0.00
Child & Youth Care	25.00	21.00	4.00	0.00
Town Road Aid	1,131.00	1,130.39	.61	0.00
Town Road Maintenance	34,000.00	38,453.74	0.00	4,453.74
Street Lighting	600.00	1,081.22	0.00	481.22
Gen. Expenses Highway	12,000.00	12,853.66	0.00	2,853.66
Library	2,270.00	2,270.00	0.00	0.00
Town Poor	200.00	10.00	190.00	0.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00	1,298.04	0.00	698.04
Memorial Day	75.00	87.15	0.00	12.15
Parks & Common	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	550.00	994.13	0.00	444.13
Emp. Ret. & Soc. Sec.	2,000.00	1,990.58	9.42	0.00
Long-Term Notes:				
Principal	18,666.00	18,666.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	3,200.00	3,523.29	0.00	323.29
Tax Anticipation Notes:				
Interest	3,000.00	4,256.13	0.00	1,256.13
South Acworth Bridge	45,000.00	48,756.04	0.00	3,756.04
Grader - Galion T-600	9,500.00	9,500.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Map	6,500.00	3,600.00	2,900.00	0.00
Town Office Equipment	1,000.00	972.00	28.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$162,107.00</b>	<b>\$171,868.24</b>	<b>\$7,047.57</b>	<b>\$16,808.81</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1977

## ASSETS

Cash:	\$28,947.87	
In hands of treasurer	8,011.41	
In hands of officials	0.00	
Total	<u>                    </u>	36,959.28
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1976	7,454.62	
Levy of 1975	5,602.72	
Levy of 1974	4,580.01	
Total	<u>                    </u>	17,637.35
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1977, Including Resident Taxes	135,174.63	
Levy of 1976	117.30	
Total	<u>                    </u>	135,291.93
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$189,888.56</b>
Current Deficit		0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$189,888.56</b>

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding	0.00	
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	4,673.69	
Unexpended Balances of Note Funds	0.00	
Due to State: 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	826.13	
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't)	362.90	
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	69,838.07	
Tax Anticipation Notes Outstanding:		
Conn. National Bank	100,000.00	
Other Liabilities:		
Conser. Comm. Account	316.09	
Class V Highway Maint. (Duman)	194.49	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN	<u>                    </u>	\$176,211.37
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$176,211.37</b>
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)		<u>13,677.19</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$189,888.56</b>

**FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued**

Current Surplus, December 31, 1976	\$12,549.37
Current Surplus, December 31, 1977	13,677.19
Increase of Surplus	1,127.82

**RECEIPTS**

## Current Revenue:

## From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$97,465.78	
Resident Taxes	2,580.00	
Yield Taxes	4,411.83	
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted		104,457.61
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years		50,687.29
Resident Taxes — Previous Years		510.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		3,058.04
Penalties: Resident Taxes		62.00
Tax sales redeemed		5,878.57

## From State:

## For Highways and Bridges:

For Class V. Highway maintenance RSA 241:11		15,486.34
Highway Subsidy RSA 241:14		13,557.40
Interest and dividends tax		7,486.72
Savings Bank Tax		793.52
Reimbursement a-c State forest lands		134.90
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll		556.63
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance		5,761.27
Meals and Rooms Tax		3,130.08
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax		2,966.92
All Other Receipts from State Bounties		23.00

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses		194.20
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		47.00
Rent of town property		85.00
Interest received on deposits		1,063.24
Income from departments		74.00
Motor vehicle permits		9,625.50

<b>TOTAL CURRENT REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$225,639.23</b>
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# FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued

## Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	140,000.00	
Proceeds of Long Term Notes	16,500.00	
Insurance adjustments	1,261.81	
Gifts	.01	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	5,747.48	
Sale of town property	346.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	4,285.00	
Grants from U.S.A.		
Revenue Sharing	10,254.00	
Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	323.10	
All other Grants from U.S.A. (CETA)	5,405.76	
Revenue Sharing from Savings Account	10,000.00	
So. Acworth Bridge Accounts (2)	33,536.24	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE</b>		<b>227,659.40</b>

## Total Receipts from All Sources

\$453,298.63

Cash on hand January 1, 1977

37,668.08

## GRAND TOTAL

**\$490,966.34**

## PAYMENTS

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

Town officers' salaries	4,430.00
Town officers' expenses	2,589.39
Election and registration expenses	418.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,355.22

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	650.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Planning and Zoning	363.09
Damage by dogs	0.00
Insurance	1,936.00
Civil Defense	0.00
Conservation Commission	185.00

#### Health:

Health Department	1,182.50
Child & Youth Care	21.00
Town dump	1,294.87

#### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,130.39
Town Maintenance	61,266.01
Street lighting	1,081.22
General Expenses of Highway Department	14,853.66



**FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued**

Libraries:	2,270.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	1,298.04	
Town poor	10.00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Old Home Day	87.15	
Recreation:		
Commons	150.00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	300.00	
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	3,050.80	
Advertising and Regional Associations	994.13	
Taxes bought by town	9,151.75	
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	1,186.60	
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,990.58	
<b>Total Current Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>115,745.40</b>	
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debt:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	4,256.13	
Paid on long term notes	3,523.29	
<b>Total Interest Payments</b>	<b>7,779.42</b>	7,779.42
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	40,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	18,666.00	
<b>Total Principal Payments</b>	<b>58,666.00</b>	58,666.00
Capital Outlay:		
Highways and Bridges - Town construction	50,282.48	
Lands and buildings	27,795.13	
New equipment	10,572.00	
Payments to capital reserve funds	10,254.00	
Tax Maps	3,600.00	
<b>Total Outlay Payments</b>	<b>102,503.61</b>	102,503.61

**FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued**

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	458.04	
Taxes paid to County	26,199.11	
Payments to School Districts	<u>150,666.89</u>	
<b>Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</b>		177,324.04

<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES</b>		462,018.47
Cash on hand December 31, 1977		28,947.87

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>490,966.34</b>
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**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

**As of December 31, 1977**

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Leon Newton Bridge	\$17,500.00	
Town Hall Reconstruction	28,000.00	
Grader - Galion T-600	4,500.00	
South Acworth Bridge	<u>12,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS</b>		\$62,000.00

**RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Outstanding Long Term Debt — December 31, 1976		\$64,166.00
New Debt Created During Fiscal Year:		
Long Term Notes Issued		<u>16,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$80,666.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:		
Long Term Notes Paid		<u>18,666.00</u>
Outstanding Long Term Debt — December 31, 1977		\$62,000.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**From Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector**

Property Taxes - 1977	\$97,465.78
Yield Taxes - 1977	4,411.83
Resident Taxes - 1977	2,580.00
Property Taxes, Previous Years	50,142.37
Yield Taxes, Previous Years	544.92
Resident Taxes, Previous Years	510.00
Interest	3,058.04
Resident Tax Penalties	62.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	5,878.57
	\$164,653.51

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**From Town Clerk**

Dog Licenses	\$194.20
Auto Permits	9,625.50
	9,819.70

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**From State of New Hampshire**

Reimbursement A/C Tax Loss State Land	\$ 134.90
Gas Tax Refund	556.63
Bounties	23.00
Highway Subsidy	13,557.40
Class V Highway (Duncan)	15,486.34
Savings Bank Tax	793.52
Interest and Dividend Tax	7,486.72
Business Profits Tax	2,966.92
Rooms & Meals Tax	3,130.88
OAA Recovery	5,761.27
	49,896.78

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**From United States Government**

Revenue Sharing	\$10,254.00
SWET Program	5,405.76
	15,659.76

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**From Miscellaneous Sources**

Fees, Permits	\$ 47.00
Interest from deposits	1,063.24
Yield Tax Security Deposits	4,285.00
Tax Anticipation Notes	140,000.00
Long Term Notes	16,500.00
Insurance Claims & Adjustments	1,261.81
Revenue Sharing Savings Account	10,000.00
Rent of Town Hall	85.00
Gift	.01
Sale of Bridge Scrap	246.00
Unredeemed Bridge Plan Deposits	100.00
So. Acworth Bridge Account	5,565.55
So. Acworth Bridge Account Cert. of Deposit	27,970.69
Tax Map Capital Reserve	5,747.48
Private Sources for Conservation Camp	74.00
	212,945.78

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452,975.53

**TREASURER'S REPORT, Continued**

Balance, January 1977	\$ <u>37,668.08</u>
Total Receipts	490,643.61
Total Disbursements	<u>-461,695.74</u>
Balance, December 31, 1977	\$18,947.87

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

### **South Acworth Bridge Account - Connecticut River Bank** 2½ Year C.D. maturing 31 August 1977 #810053-3

Balance, 1 January 1977	\$26,789.30
Interest to maturity	1,181.39
Withdrawal	<u>27,970.69</u>
Balance, 31 December 1977	-0-

### **South Acworth Bridge Account #7-1-0231-2 Connecticut River Bank**

Balance, 1 January 1977	\$5,435.71
Interest	129.84
Withdrawal	<u>5,565.55</u>
Balance, 31 December 1977	-0-

### **Revenue Sharing Account (90 Day) Connecticut River Bank**

Balance, 1 January 1977	\$7,118.22
Deposits	10,254.00
Interest	323.10
Withdrawal	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance, 31 December 1977	\$7,695.32

### **Temporary Loan Proceeds Reinvested - Regular Connecticut River Bank**

Deposit	\$30,000.00
Interest	111.03
Withdrawal	<u>30,111.03</u>
Balance	-0-

### **Temporary Loan Proceeds Reinvested (90 Day) Connecticut River Bank**

Deposit	\$30,000.00
Interest	952.21
Withdrawal	<u>30,952.21</u>
Balance	-0-

### **Conservation Commission Account - Walpole Savings**

Balance, 1 January 1977	251.38
Deposit	51.00
Interest	<u>13.71</u>
Balance, 25 January 1978	316.09

**REVENUE SHARING FUND**

**REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT**

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977**

Statement Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance

Available Funds - January 1, 1977	\$ 7,118.22
<b>Add Revenue:</b>	
Entitlement Payments	10,254.00
Interest	323.10
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<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$17,695.32</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Operating	1,000.00
Capital	9,000.00
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Cash deposits - December 31, 1977	\$ 7,695.32

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Acworth, N.H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1977.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Acworth, N.H. for the year ended December 31, 1977.

Edward H. Brown

Auditor  
Town of Acworth, N.H.

Date - January 31, 1978

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Summary of Warrants Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

### LEVY OF 1977

#### DEBITS

#### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$230,664.57	
Resident Taxes	<u>3,420.00</u>	
Total Warrants		\$234,084.57
Yield Taxes		5,991.59

#### Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$139.68	
Resident Taxes	<u>280.00</u>	
		419.68

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		12.00
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**TOTAL DEBITS** **\$240,507.84**

#### CREDITS

#### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$97,465.78	
Resident Taxes	2,580.00	
Yield Taxes	4,411.83	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>12.00</u>	

Sub-Total	\$104,469.61	
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#### Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	203.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>660.60</u>	
	863.60	

Sub-Total

#### Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977

Property Taxes	\$133,135.47	
Resident Taxes	1,120.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>919.16</u>	

Sub-Total	135,174.63	
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**TOTAL CREDITS** **\$240,507.84**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**[CONTINUED]**  
**LEVY OF 1976**

**DEBITS**

**Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977**

Property Taxes	\$50,322.46	
Resident Taxes	1,240.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>544.92</u>	
Sub-Total		\$51,562.46

**Added Taxes:**

Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	
Resident Taxes	<u>70.00</u>	
Sub-Total		70.00

**Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes** 2,196.51

**Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes** 50.00

**TOTAL DEBITS** **\$54,423.89**

**CREDITS**

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976:**

Property Taxes	\$50,142.37	
Resident Taxes	510.00	
Yield Taxes	544.92	
Interest Collected During Year	2,196.51	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>50.00</u>	
Sub-Total		53,443.80

**Abatements Made During Year:**

Property Taxes	\$ 62.79	
Resident Taxes	<u>800.00</u>	
Sub-Total		\$862.79

**Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977**

Property Taxes	\$117.30	
Resident Taxes	<u>0.00</u>	
Sub-Total		117.00

**TOTAL CREDITS** **\$54,423.89**



**Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1977**

**DEBITS**

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	<b>1976</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1974</b>
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1977		\$7,649.82	\$7,656.78
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$9,151.75		
<b>Interest Collected After Sale</b>	<u>3.69</u>	<u>127.59</u>	<u>730.29</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$9,155.44</b>	<b>\$7,777.41</b>	<b>\$8,387.07</b>

**CREDITS**

**Remittances to Treasurer During Year:**

Redemptions	\$1,432.47	\$2,047.10	\$2,399.00
Interest & Costs After Sale	3.69	127.59	730.29
Abatements			47.33
Deeded to Town	264.66		630.44
<b>Unredeemed Taxes December 31, 1977</b>	<u>9,454.62</u>	<u>5,602.72</u>	<u>4,580.01</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$9,155.44</b>	<b>\$7,777.41</b>	<b>\$8,387.07</b>

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1977

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 60,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	3,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	15,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	40,000.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Materials and Supplies	6,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Jennison Lot	4,000.00
Prouty Lot	2,000.00
Howe Lot	1,000.00
Johnson Lot	1,000.00
Gove Lot	20,000.00
Farnsworth Lot	5,000.00
Barton Lot	300.00
Marion Turner Lot	2,000.00
Cold River Conservation Lot	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$659,000.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Town Officers Salaries

Alston W. Barrett, Selectman	\$690.00
Raymond W. Roy, Selectman	690.00
Lyman A. Young, Selectman	690.00
Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector	690.00
Brenda Pitkin, Town Clerk	690.00
Earl F. Luther, Jr., Treasurer	460.00
Edward H. Brown, Auditor	115.00
James Halstead, Constable	345.00
Roselva Deardon, Overseer of Poor	60.00
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	\$4,430.00

### Town Officer Expenses

Annual Report, and related expenses	\$715.44
Office supplies	593.93
Telephone	486.46
Clerical services	331.00
Postage	282.77
Advertising	114.73
Dues	65.06
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	\$2,589.39

### Elections and Registrations

Supervisors	\$236.00
Ballots	142.00
Transportation	40.00
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	\$418.00

### Town Buildings

Fuel	\$627.68
Services	247.52
Paint	223.56
Rent	200.00
Supplies	56.46
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	\$1,355.22

**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued**

**Police Department**

Repairs - cruiser	\$243.22
Gasoline	137.34
Supplies - tires	73.78
Uniforms	<u>57.00</u>
	\$511.34
Dog Warden	<u>138.66</u>
	\$650.00

**Planning Board**

Ballots	\$158.45
Advertising	89.17
Postage	57.06
Clerical Services	<u>42.41</u>
	\$347.09

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Notices and postage	\$16.00
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**Acworth Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.**

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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**Bounties**

Porcupines - 46	\$23.00
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**Insurance**

Workmans Compensation	\$1,910.00
Burglery rider	<u>26.00</u>
	\$1,936.00

**Legal Expenses**

Services in 1975-1976 - 18 subjects	\$1,555.00
Services in 1977 - 14 subjects	<u>1,495.80</u>
	\$3,050.80

**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued****Civil Defense**

Expenses	0.00
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**Conservation Commission**

Services and dues	\$ 60.00
Conservation Camp	74.00
Deposits - Savings Bank of Walpole	<u>51.00</u>
	\$185.00

**Town Dump**

Services and supplies	\$1,294.87
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**Visiting Nurse**

Town Appropriation	\$1,182.50
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**Child and Youth Care**

Town Appropriation	\$21.00
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**Town Road Aid**

Town Appropriation	\$1,130.39
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**Highway Department**

Labor (net):		
From Town	\$18,565.92	
From Ceta (SWET)	<u>5,405.76</u>	
		\$23,971.68

IRS Deposits	3,629.30	
Social Security Deposits	<u>1,937.98</u>	
		<u>\$5,657.28</u>

Total Labor		\$29,628.96
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Equipment Rental & Services	8,446.92
Supplies	2,547.14
Hot & Cold Bituminous	2,570.88
Insurance subsidy	352.00
Mileage	<u>313.60</u>

GRAND TOTAL - inc. Ceta	\$43,859.50
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**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued****Street Lighting**

Granite State Electric	\$1,081.22
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**General Expenses**  
**[Highway Department]**

**Fuel:**

Gasoline - 6,671 gallons	\$3,869.00
No. 2 fuel - 1,633 gallons	728.00
Kerosene - 167 gallons	<u>82.00</u>

Total Fuel	\$4,679.00
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Replacement Parts and Contract Repairs	7,720.11
Supplies and Parts	1,821.94
Services provided	475.35
Telephone	<u>157.26</u>

GRAND TOTAL	\$14,853.66
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**Maintenance Allotment RSA 241:11**  
**[Duncan Fund]**

Northeastern Culvert	\$3,320.00
Lake Asphalt	2,609.91
Porter, F. - shovel & truck	2,200.00
Balle, R. Inc. - 4,000 yds. gravel	1,200.00
Balla, R. Inc. - dozer	1,153.40
Balla, R. Inc. - screening sealing sand	1,000.00
Deardon, G. - truck	990.00
Whitcomb, F.W. - bituminous	893.84
Balla, R. Inc. - bridge plank - Echo Valley Farm	500.00
Labor - net	1,026.09
Haskins - Truck	343.00
Robbins - Truck	221.00
Connecticut National Bank - W.H.	218.50
Rayco - Grout Hill Bridge plans	198.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire - S.S.	127.27
Christie, L. - loader	100.00
Beach, D.C. - Truck	<u>28.60</u>

TOTAL	\$16,325.07
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**Library**

Town Appropriation - To Trustees	\$2,270.00
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**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued**

**Town Poor**

Assistance provided \$10.00

**Old Age Assistance**

Assistance provided - N.H. Dept. of Health & Welfare \$1,298.04

**Memorial Day**

Britton-Porter Post - band \$75.00

Town flag 12.50

\$87.50

**Commons**

Mowing lawns \$150.00

**Cemeteries**

Town appropriation - to Cemetery Committee \$300.00

**Advertising and Regional Associations**

Dues - UVLSRC and Munc. Assoc. \$524.00

Advertising 470.13

\$994.13

**Employees Retirement and Social Security**

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire \$1,990.58

**Long Term Notes**

Principal payments \$18,666.00

Interest payments 3,523.29

\$22,189.29

**Tax Anticipation Notes**

Interest \$4,256.13

**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued**

**South Acworth Bridge**

Builder	\$44,715.00
Engineering and bid process	<u>4,041.04</u>
	\$48,756.04

**Grader - Galion T-600**

R.C. Hazelton Inc.	\$9,500.00
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**Acworth Tax Map**

Research and mapping	\$3,600.00
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**Town Office Equipment**

Town Clerk office equipment	\$972.00
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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1977

In January, the South Acworth Bridge reconstruction got underway with engineering research and design plans developed under the direction of the Selectmen. Unanimous affirmative action was obtained on four articles of the March 8, 1977 Town Meeting, in addition to full approval from four abutting property owners. We wish to thank them for their cooperation and use of land. Actual reconstruction commenced in mid March and the new 50 foot bridge was open to traffic by late May. Each of the four pre-stressed concrete beams weighs twenty tons and has a rated carrying capacity of H20-44; thereby assuring safe crossing for private and commercial operators. The Board of Selectmen were pleased with the work and cooperation of the engineering firm of Rayco Engineering and the bridge building firm of Burrington Survey and Construction Co., Inc.

Also during the first quarter of the year we saw the completion of the reconstruction and addition to the Town Hall. Town Meeting was held in a more comfortable and warm hall. Acoustics have also been improved, allowing people in all parts of the hall to hear speakers and the moderator. Dances have been held on a monthly basis and requests for use of the hall for private use have increased. The Town Clerk's office and the small conference room used bi-monthly by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, have proven to be satisfactory, in addition to weekly meetings held by the Selectmen in their new office.

In the early summer, this Board invited the towns of Alstead, Lemster, and Unity to perambulate their respective mutual town lines. Alstead declined to answer the invitation. Unity was not able to make the meeting because of two unplanned resignations on its Board. Lemster met and the line was perambulated from our northeast corner. Boundary markers were identified, reconciled and re-established where necessary. During the past six years the Charlestown, Langdon, Marlow and Lemster town lines have been perambulated. The town lines of Alstead and Unity remain to be done.

Tax Map work progressed very well with the Crescent Lake area (140 parcels) and the Acworth Town area (60 parcels) now prepared for public presentation. These meetings are scheduled to be held during spring and early summer when more land owners can be present.

Highway maintenance and new construction continue to be a major activity of the Town. The use of 4000 yards of crushed bank run gravel improved the durability and riding quality on main arterial roads and steep troublesome sections of other roads. The use of this material has reduced loss of road surface from water and traffic erosion. Annual upgrading should be more successful without the prior necessity of adding new material each year. Where new construction was being prepared for a hard bituminous surface, the use of this crushed gravel was very successful such as on parts of the Forrest Road and the access to the South Acworth Bridge.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN, REPORT OF ACTIVITIES, Continued

Late May saw the completion of the third major new bridge crossing the Cold River, in as many years. This leaves one more bridge, also crossing the Cold River, to be repaired. The Grout Hill Bridge needs immediate attention to the replacement of the deck, posts, and railings. The carrying beams have been found to be sound by the State Bridge Division and our own engineer. This bridge has been closed since November 1977 and estimated costs for materials and labor total \$7,000.00.

Annual assessing of real estate with the necessary tabulation and frequent reconciliation involves a great deal of time in order to be done fairly. As taxes increase there will continue to be an increase of work by the Board of Selectmen/Assessors to defend the accuracy of records and the justification of their assessments. During 1978 there will be at least about 900 parcels of land with 360 buildings spread out over 37 square miles to record, tabulate, assess, and compute. On average there will be 100 transfers of title as the number of subdivisions and general land speculation activities increase, along with constantly changing values, that all must be recorded. Consideration may want to be given to the future use of a separate Board of Assessors in order to handle this requirement of town government. This branch of duty shows signs of rapidly increasing.

Financial activities of the Town have greatly increased during the past few years. An annual cash flow of dollars has increased in ten years from \$186,000.00 to a record amount in 1977 of \$462,000.00. This latter figure was handled by writing 555 checks, a record number. This alone imposes a substantial increase in accounting and service work done by the Selectmen and Treasurer. At the bi-monthly financial meetings the Selectmen and Treasurer discuss, audit, write and record about, on average, twenty-two checks totalling \$20,000.00. In addition to this the Board reports on nearly forty separate accounts and periodically must audit these for Town budget and State statutory requirements.

Selectmen's correspondence continues to increase in volume with about 125 answers in letter on such matters as assessments, taxes, building permits, zoning, various enforcement of ordinances, timber harvest violations, highway problems, animal damage from dogs, and general legal action taken on many subjects. As a policy all letters received are answered as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Selectmen

# REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL

## Summary of General Activities During 1977

1. A review of proposed Warrant for March 8, Town Meeting with particular attention to articles concerning Davis & Symonds Lumber Co., power to postpone lay out of Class V roads, and preliminary review of ways to protect Town from damage in connection with South Acworth Bridge.

2. Complete revision of proposed agreements/contracts and final drafting of new contracts and documents for March reconstruction of South Acworth Bridge.

3. Extensive research and drafting with several meetings with the Board of Selectmen and others concerning extent of obligations of Town for road maintenance on Class V and Class VI roads. Also procedures to change those obligations and negotiation of claims concerning road maintenance.

4. Preparation of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting on July 12 with review and drafting of requested articles concerning burial permits and private access agreements on unclassified roads or Class VI roads.

5. Attendance at two evening public hearings and meetings with Selectmen and others concerning proposed zoning ordinances with extensive legal drafting for Special Town Meeting.

6. Legal advice on the limitations concerning the authority of the Zoning Board of Adjustment in relation to the statutory powers of the Planning Board.

7. Work on the Town Master Plan and its legal requirements done in conjunction with County and State planning agencies.

8. Advice and following legal draft concerning requests to review "planned unit development" regulations for construction in the Town, to be presented at Special Town Meeting for new zoning proposals.

9. Requested information with advice, drafting, and follow up negotiations on behalf of the Conservation Commission's program to reserve conservation easements in certain wetlands.

10. Initiation of enforcement proceedings against Danis and Symonds Lumber Co. et al, (see minutes of Article 19, 1977 Town Meeting) and their successors in connection with the February 1975 settlement, in Sullivan County Superior Court docket #7702 involving Pierce Brook Estates, and especially the roads leading to and through that subdivision development. The case has been brought forward and enforcement proceedings against the defendants has begun, with a trial now tentatively scheduled by the Clerk of Court for late March 1978. Due to congestion on the Court calendar it is at least possible that trial will not be had until somewhat later in 1978.

**REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL, Continued**

In conclusion: there were no legal claims or law suits entered against the Town of Acworth or any of its officers during 1977, and as of February 20, 1978, to the knowledge of the undersigned council there are no significant pending legal claims against the Town or any of its officers.

Respectfully submitted,

R.J. Shortlidge, Jr.

## REPORT OF THE ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD — 1977

Construction approval was granted in April to New Hampshire Electric Co-Op. for construction of new lines on Derry Hill. After many meetings with officials and residents, it was agreed that the new lines would remain in essentially the same location as the old instead of along the roadside as originally proposed.

Most of the year has been spent working on the zoning. Many hours were spent with Bob Ward of the U.V.L.S.C. and with the local Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment preparing the ordinance which was voted at the Special Town Meeting.

The first public hearing was held in the evening of May 31, and was attended by 29 people. Questions were answered and many suggestions offered were incorporated into the ordinance. This was presented at an afternoon hearing on June 20 to 8 people.

Sample copies of the ballot and the zoning ordinance were distributed, and a public meeting was held on July 5 to discuss the warrant.

Since the zoning was defeated by a large majority, we felt that a lot more work is needed to find something that is agreeable to the majority. Toward this goal, we decided to appoint an advisory committee to help us write another ordinance. It is expected that this will be presented during the coming year, and is anticipated in our budget request.

The other large expense is the printing of the Master Plan. This money was voted last year, and the printing has begun. However, after the zoning vote, it was decided that we should postpone adoption of the Master Plan, so this money was unspent. It is expected that this will also be completed this year.

The last meeting of each month remains open by appointment for meeting with the public on matters such as subdivision, annexations, or any other related matters. Of course, all meetings are open to the public at all times.

The Planning Board always has and continues to try to reflect the opinions of the whole town. Every person must let us know what his opinion is in order for this to be possible.

### **Members of the Planning Board**

James Phinizy '80	Frances Streeter '80	Kenneth Christie '79
Maggie Hanson '79	Fay Knicely '78	Robert Spaulding '78
Selectman Member, Alston Barrett		Secretary, Frances Streeter
	Chairman, Fay Knicely	

### **Members of the Advisory Committee**

Ralph Balla	Bruce Bascom	Gordon Gowen	David Lyle
Marshall Waller	Lyman Young		

## REPORT OF THE ACWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 1977 the Conservation Commission was able to partially underwrite the costs of sending two Acworth Students to the Annual Spruce Pond Conservation Camp. We are also pleased to report that we received private contributions to finance the balance of the costs.

Efforts continue to be made by the Commission in the areas of acquiring conservation easements and in land use planning in co-operation with the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment.

We are pleased to report that we had another successful early spring "Green-Up Day" despite an initial postponement due to weather. We much appreciated the additional volunteer help and we look forward to any additional support toward this regular spring feature. For those interested in either the "Green-Up Day" or the Conservation Camp for Students we suggest that they contact the Chairman of the Commission or any member.

We are currently involved in plans for a number of small projects, one of which may involve the care and planting of roadside trees. We again invite any interested townspeople to attend our regular meetings which are held the first Tuesday each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Yale, Chairman

**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**  
**1977**

Culverts were put in on Lynn Hill, Grout Hill, Crescent Lake Road, Gates Mountain, Pelton's Road, Cyrus Hollow. Crushed gravel was put on the following roads: Crescent Lake, Lynn Hill, Grout Hill, Poly Hill, Pitkins Road, Gates Mountain, Turkey Shoot, A. Clarks, Black North, Quinns, Sirkins, Parsons, J. Ballas, School House, Ingoldsby, Cyrus Hollow, and Ken & Harvey Bascoms.

We sealed the East Acworth Roads and parts of Forrest Road. Also farmer mixed Forrest Road. We cut brush on Grout Hill, Charlestown Road, Turkey Shoot Road, Forrest Road, Phoenix Nest Road, Derry Hill and Campbells Road and the Henio Road.

Dead trees were cut along the Turkey Shoot, Crescent Lake, Sirkins and Harvey Bascom's Road.

All the roads were graded once and some were done twice. Bank run gravel was put on the Cross Road, Grout Hill, Gates Mountains, Henio Road, Turkey Shoot Road, Phoenix Nest Road, Black North and Quinns Road.

All snow-plow equipment was repaired and painted in conjunction with general preventive maintenance of the two International Trucks. Also during the early summer new planks and railings were installed on the Echo Valley Farm Bridge and a new ramp and road approach was constructed to the new bridge crossing the Cold River in South Acworth. The planks were removed from the old South Acworth Bridge and the site prepared for the bridge contractors.

I want to thank everyone who helped and worked with me this past year.

Thank you,

Don A. Porter  
Road Agent

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL**

1977 was a year of some reorganization for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council. In contrast to previous years when the Board of Directors was divided into two bodies, one meeting in Newport, we are now a single unit meeting in varying member towns. Such a change has enabled representatives from all member towns to meet and discuss problems of mutual importance on a somewhat wider basis. Being able to see ourselves as a part of a larger region and its overall problems of growth and development is a necessary step toward maturity in any single community and we are grateful to have that opportunity expanded through our membership in the U.V.L.S.C.

Among the many items discussed this past year, at least two may be of some interest to area residents. The first is that we are pleased to report the unanimous adoption of a regional land use plan as required by the Federal Government. This plan was formulated through many meetings with interested area citizens and sets guidelines for development with the area to which all federally funded or approved projects must comply. The guidelines which were developed after much debate were of a nature that would preserve the present quality of rural N.H. and limit development to forms which would be compatible with it.

A minor item, yet of possible interest to some, which was recently discussed in Hanover was the possible future role of the U.V.L.S.C. in regard to recent federal legislation designed to protect and acquire land along the Appalachian Trail System.

During 1977 James Phinizy resigned from the Board of Directors and Maggie Hanson agreed to serve as an alternate Director.

G.K. Fenderson, Director  
Maggie Hanson, Alternate



## ACWORTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Our main objective this year was to clean up the Old Cemetery, and this was discussed at our annual meeting.

A suggestion was made that it might be a worthwhile project for the Youth Fellowship Group to work on. They readily accepted the challenge and became involved enthusiastically. Under the direction of Leon Newton, Glenn Bascom, Paul Meader and Mr. Craw the brush was cut. The young people then cleaned it up and disposed of it. Their plans are to cut the grass and work on the stones in the spring.

I'm sure that everyone in the community will join me in thanking these youngsters along with their leaders, for their efforts.

The usual maintenance was done in the other two cemeteries at a cost of \$185.25.

We also wish to thank the South Acworth Community Aid for their contribution to us. It was appreciated.

Gladys Ring  
Treasurer

# REPORT OF THE FALL MOUNTAIN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

## TO THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

In 1977 the Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association provided a total of 3849 units of service (nursing, occupational therapy, home health aide care and clinic services) to the five-town area of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon and North Walpole. This was a 17% increase over services provided in 1976.

Acworth, which has 6.6% of the total population, received 247 units of service or 6.4% of the total provided.

The cost to the VNA for services in 1977 was up by 9%. This means an increase in the tax appropriation is necessary if services are not to be reduced in 1978. The Agency is requesting an increase of 5% from each town, which would raise Acworth's 1977 appropriation from \$1,182.50 to \$1,242.00. It is anticipated that the additional increase in expenses can be met through the completion of a two-part fund drive that was begun in November 1977.

It is likely that requests for VNA services will continue to increase in 1978. Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance reimbursers are looking for less expensive alternatives to hospitalization and nursing home care. The VNA often is able to provide the professional and homemaking services that otherwise would necessitate institutional care for a patient. Home care not only is less expensive, it means a better satisfied patient and frequently a more rapid convalescence and recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Frazer, Director

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT — 1977

The buildings around the common on the hill look great; the Town Hall with its new look, the church structurally renovated and painted and the school with its new entrance.

Our school is a very important part of the community and we are most fortunate to have two fine teachers, Janice McDonald and David Hinman, who are dedicated to preparing the children well in all phases of their development.

The Parent's Club is very active and supportive of the entire school program. Their play, which was very well done, and The Maple Festival, always a popular event, raised a considerable sum of money to purchase playground equipment. The playground is undergoing much needed renovation. and to date, approximately 150 yards of fill have been brought in. Plans are to complete the project in Spring and Summer.

A new furnace has been installed, one room redecorated, a section of the roof replaced, part of the exterior painted, with the remainder to be done during the coming year.

We are pleased and most fortunate to have Dr. Harry Westcott as our new superintendent. He and Mrs. Westcott are becoming acquainted in the district by attending many community events. With the new administrative plan, adopted by the board, Dr. Westcott is overall superintendent, directly responsible for curriculum and personnel, while John Menton, assistant superintendent, is in charge of all business aspects of the district, including building maintenance.

There are two concerns of prime importance, namely the necessity for a yearly appropriation of money to upgrade all building in the district and keep all properly maintained. The committee, created by the Alstead Town Meeting, is exploring the possibility of their separating from the district. This development must be carefully watched, since we are now sending grades 6, 7 and 8 to Alstead.

I personally feel that we have an excellent school system and under new dynamic leadership, things are happening. Our children rank with the best, and merit our continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Waldo Streeter  
Acworth School Board Member

## ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT 1977

The Library has been used, not only as a source of information, but has also been the focal point of some community activities. The 4H Club displayed hand made items during National 4H Week, October 2-8. The school children made murals and pictures throughout the year. Christmas books for youngsters were featured in a seasonal display. The older children visit the Library on Tuesday afternoon. Thursday the story hour for younger children has been continued during the school year as well as during summer vacation.

Community groups; the Woman's Club, the Community Aid, the Parents' Club and Female Charitable Society have given money generously for books. In February the Selectmen donated \$100 for books in appreciation for the use of the Library while the Town House was being remodeled. In July a successful sale of discarded and duplicate books was held.

Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Poltrack attended two book buying meetings. Mrs. Newton also went to two District Advisory Council meetings.

The floor in the stack room was striped and refinished and seven storm windows installed. Four chairs were recaned. These items were covered by funds from Revenue Sharing. Certain minor changes were made to reduce fire and accident risk.

It is essential that certain definite and specific repairs to the building be made to prevent further deterioration. A complete written break down of necessary work with accompanying figures was presented to the Budget Committee and to the Selectmen for their information and study.

If in future years expansion of the Library is deemed necessary, it has been suggested that the basement, which is in good condition and has a 9 foot ceiling, be converted into usable space. At the present date this could be done for approximately \$20,000.

It is interesting to note that according to the New Hampshire Library Statistics published last year Acworth has a circulation of 14.5 books per capita which is higher than any of the surrounding towns including those with a larger population.

Salaries must conform to the Federal Minimum Wage Law and therefore there is an increase in the budget for this item.

Ella P. Newton  
Assistant Librarian

**LIBRARY REPORT, Continued**

**Trustees**

Barbara Hartwell - term expires 1978  
Alva Grant - term expires 1980  
Nancy Poltrack, Chairman - term expires 1979

**Additions 1977** - Fiction—87, Non-fiction—58, Juvenile—71, TOTAL—216

Number of magazines in circulation		55
Number of Common Borrower Cards issued		3
Number of books borrowed from the New Hampshire State Library		35
Number of books borrowed from Keene City Library		150
Number of books borrowed from Charlestown Silsby Library		86
Number of books borrowed from Shedd Library		78
Number of books borrowed from the Bookmobile		3732
Fiction	1208	
Non-fiction	1166	
Juvenile	1348	
Records	10	
Number of books, magazines, and records circulated		TOTAL — 6577
Fiction	2503	
Non-fiction	1261	
Juvenile	2104	
Magazines	665	
Records	44	
Number of visits of Bookmobile		3

Maude H. Moody, Librarian  
Ella P. Newton, Asst. Librarian

ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY 1977

Financial Report

RECEIPTS

Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 142.30
Interest Trust Funds	89.56
Town	1,770.00
Revenue Sharing	500.00
Gifts	309.50
Book Sale, Fines	<u>91.13</u>
	\$2,902.49

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$ 93.69
Fuel	299.47
Salaries	1,048.80
Custodian	75.00
Supplies, Miscellaneous	77.79
Books, Magazines, Records	431.69
Maintenance	<u>442.70</u>
	\$2,469.14

\$2,902.49

- 2,469.14

\$ 433.35 Balance December 31, 1977

Bills outstanding from 1977 will reduce above balance.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hartwell, Treasurer  
Board of Trustees

ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY

Proposed Budget for 1978

**Operating Budget:**

Salaries	\$1,210.00
Fuel	375.00
Supplies, etc.	125.00
Electricity	120.00
Books	100.00
Custodian	75.00
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	\$2,005.00

**Capital Repairs and Improvements:**

Replace structural roof beams	
Repair roof valleys	
Repair exterior & interior brick mortar	
Remove and repair front steps	
Install new rear bulkhead	
Install additional storm windows	
Install additional gravel for front path	\$8,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees  
by Nancy M. Poltrack

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Acworth Historical Society held monthly meetings during the year. An inventory was made of articles given to the Society. The places where they are was noted. This material is available for examination by any interested persons.

Several years ago it was concluded that the narrative part of the History as written by Mr. Newton F. Tolman in 1967-1978 was inadequate and unsatisfactory as a complete history. However, this year the Society mimeographed Mr. Tolman's work. Copies are available in the Library for reading and reference. Copies may also be purchased from the Library for \$2.00 each.

The original completion date for the History was 1967, the Acworth Bicentennial year. Little progress had been made on the Genealogy Section at that time.

The preparation of the Genealogy Section is not yet finished. Considerable more time and effort is needed to bring it to completion. The magnitude of this undertaking in the amount of time and work involved to prepare the records of 400 families was not correctly estimated originally. It is now believed that this number can be substantially reduced and still provide a satisfactory result more in keeping with recently published histories.

The Homestead Chapter will require revision in order to include more recent ownership changes. However, this is not a major problem.

Projections were made later that the History could possible be published in 1974 or early 1975. Later it was estimated to be published as an observance of the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976.

Subsequent to many discussions this past year it is evident that the services of a competent professional historian is imperative in order to produce a creditable, satisfactory, accurate history.

This undertaking will require well-coordinated direction and the sustained interest and support of the community. The project would have to be underwritten by the Town. A preliminary investigation indicates the cost of publication would be approximately \$20,000.

Rep. Mildred S. Ingram  
President, Acworth Historical Society



November 28, 1977

**Board of Selectmen,**

**Town of Acworth, New Hampshire 03601**

**Gentlemen:**

In checking the Acworth Historical Society records, I find that the following checks were deposited from the Town of Acworth to be used toward the Town History:

December, 1965	\$1,500.00	
November 11, 1966	1,000.00	
December 24, 1973	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		\$3,500.00

The following amounts have been paid out by the Historical Society:

January 15, 1969 to Newton Tolman for work on Town History	\$1,000.00
November 14, 1969 to Capitol Offset Press for Gallery proofs?	315.35
January 24, 1974 to Capitol Offset Press for work on Geneology?	<u>1,471.70</u>
	\$2,787.05

Yours truly,

Marguerite G. Hanson, Treasurer  
Acworth Historical Society



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
61 S. SPRING STREET  
CONCORD 03301

ROBERT E. WHALEN  
COMMISSIONER

MAYNARD H. MIRES, M. D., M. P. H.  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

February 3, 1978

Board of Selectmen  
Acworth, NH 03601

Gentlemen:

Your solid waste disposal facilities were inspected on January 23, 1978. The mountainous pile of refuse that has accumulated on-site poses a potentially serious public health hazard. Uncompacted, uncovered refuse serves as a breeding ground for deleterious insect and rodent populations, and causes serious odor problems. In addition, a fracture line caused by differential settling of the refuse pile was observed at the head of the pile very close to where people were throwing their refuse. A person could be injured if he were standing on the refuse pile when it shifted. One person's weight may be sufficient to cause the pile to shift, slump or slide.

In view of the unsatisfactory conditions at your dump site, you are requested to investigate alternative methods to dispose of your solid waste. Included among these alternatives might be:

- a. a sanitary landfill within Town of Acworth boundaries;
- b. a regional site with one or more surrounding towns;
- c. incineration of waste and landfilling of ash either as an individual town or regional basis; and
- d. setting up a transfer station to deliver waste to a nearby incinerator or sanitary landfill.

Recycling and resource recovery should be included as part of any waste disposal alternative.

It is requested that you keep the Bureau of Solid Waste Management informed of your progress in finding a satisfactory solution to your solid waste problem. We would be happy to assist you in any feasible capacity. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Sweeney, Chief  
Bureau of Solid Waste Management

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# REPORT OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 13, 1978

**TO: The Board of Selectmen**

**RE: Sullivan County Solid Waste**

**Gentlemen:**

In September, 1977 a letter was sent from this office concerning Solid Waste and basically recommending that the smaller communities within the County consider establishing a transfer station. This concept would consist of a compacting unit and a container for non-separated waste with separate containers for glass, cans, newsprint and cardboard. It should be noted that all the above-noted separated materials can now be sold within the area along with scrap metal, i.e.: washers, dryers, stoves, etc.

As you may know, the Sullivan County Commissioners has authorized this office to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Countywide facility and/or sub-County (smaller areas) facilities to accommodate solid waste. Present indications are along the lines of recycling and incineration with the sale of the separated materials and energy generated by the incineration. Only a few years ago, most of the recommendations for disposal of solid waste were for communities to develop a landfill site. It has since been proven that not only is valuable land being wasted but water pollution and the development of methane gas is becoming a problem in many areas.

In order to obtain an economical solution to the problem, it is obvious that a sizeable volume of solid waste will be required. This is the reason for this communication. We need your help in order to continue. We are, therefore, requesting your assistance answering the enclosed questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed stamped envelope. You may also wish to keep a copy of your reply in your records to indicate to the State your continued work and cooperation in solving the solid waste problem. Thank you for your assistance in this regard, and should there by any questions please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Leon H. Geil  
District Engineer

**TAX RATES PER HUNDRED DOLLARS**

**Ten Years and  
Distribution of Dollars**

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Town	\$1.22	\$1.17	\$1.25	\$ .86	\$1.24	\$ .61
School	3.37	2.63	2.88	2.41	2.06	2.27
County	<u>.31</u>	<u>.30</u>	<u>.37</u>	<u>.39</u>	<u>.30</u>	<u>.42</u>
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$4.90</b>	<b>\$4.10</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>\$3.66</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>	<b>\$3.30</b>

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Town	\$ .96	\$ .92	\$ .99	\$ .94
School	2.33	2.22	2.55	2.50
County	<u>.36</u>	<u>.36</u>	<u>.37</u>	<u>.44</u>
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$3.65</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>\$3.91</b>	<b>\$3.88</b>

**TOWN TAX REVENUE**

**Ten Years and  
Distribution of Revenue**

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Town	\$ 26,505.89	\$ 36,805.21	\$ 39,852.83	\$ 35,727.69	\$ 36,472.67
School	79,300.52	88,249.05	101,667.55	108,243.03	108,476.69
County	<u>7,151.92</u>	<u>10,105.90</u>	<u>12,995.69</u>	<u>17,414.07</u>	<u>15,713.99</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,958.33</b>	<b>\$135,160.16</b>	<b>\$154,516.07</b>	<b>\$161,384.79</b>	<b>\$160,663.35</b>

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Town	\$ 24,651.08	\$ 44,748.00	\$ 47,270.19	\$ 51,012.40	\$ 52,191.00
School	110,814.86	120,510.65	127,658.59	143,519.33	150,666.89
County	<u>20,117.91</u>	<u>18,184.75</u>	<u>20,607.26</u>	<u>20,668.27</u>	<u>26,199.11</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$155,583.85</b>	<b>\$183,443.40</b>	<b>\$195,635.04</b>	<b>\$215,200.00</b>	<b>\$230,410.00</b>

Net Town Tax increases 1.97 times  
 Net School Tax increased 1.90 times  
 Net County Tax increases 3.66 times  
**TOTAL TAX INCREASES 2.04 times**

**TAX REVENUE AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

**From State  
Ten Years**

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Int. & Div. Tax	\$ 425.14	\$ 362.84	\$ 776.59	\$ 784.85	\$ 1,545.97
Sav. Bank Tax	188.34	246.52	246.63	286.75	284.26
Meals & Rooms Tax	747.02	1,039.02	1,868.48	2,083.87	2,283.50
Reimb. Forest	149.21	104.84	249.08	274.05	371.49
Reimb. D.A. Assist.	426.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Subsidy Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,591.46	15,161.64
Reimb. Bus. P. Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,324.68
Class V "Duncan"	8,925.01	8,924.86	9,490.45	9,476.80	10,492.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,861.52</b>	<b>\$10,678.08</b>	<b>\$12,631.23</b>	<b>\$20,497.84</b>	<b>\$32,463.63</b>

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Int. & Div. Tax	\$ 1,743.04	\$ 4,034.00	\$ 3,377.91	\$ 4,481.94	\$ 7,486.72
Sav. Bank Tax	298.96	385.46	524.71	1,206.95	793.52
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,522.85	2,727.72	2,933.03	3,130.08	3,130.08
Reimb. Forest	467.53	0.00	126.55	120.76	134.90
Reimb. O.A. Assist.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,761.27
Highway Subsidy Tax	15,069.37	14,741.13	14,066.02	13,643.08	13,557.40
Reimb. Bus. P. Tax	2,440.92	2,562.96	2,691.08	2,825.64	2,966.92
Class V "Duncan"	12,272.98	13,994.65	12,606.47	15,695.64	15,486.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,815.65</b>	<b>\$38,445.92</b>	<b>\$36,325.77</b>	<b>\$41,104.09</b>	<b>\$49,317.15</b>

TOTAL STATE TAX REVENUE increase 4.54 times

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1977**

Name of TRUST FUND	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance
						End of Year
Cemetery	N.H. Savings	\$11,241.36	\$165.00	\$1,052.46	0.00	\$20,214.82
Library	N.H. Savings	1,789.06	0.00	98.12	98.12	1,789.06
Tax Map	C.R. Savings	5,537.70	0.00	209.78	5,747.48	0.00
Cemetery	C.R. Savings	2,979.76	0.00	144.36	281.58	2,842.54

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.****DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977**

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
Roy Elmer Miller Betty Elaine Russell	Feb. 12, 1977	Acworth Charlestown	Charlestown
William Roscoe Parsons, Jr. Nancy Jean Bascom	Feb. 12, 1977	Troy, Me. Acworth	
Wayne Allen VanBuskirk Holly Iris Platzer	Feb. 14, 1977	Acworth Sunapee	Newport
George Herbert Hurlburt, Jr. Gretchen Dawn Rhoades	Feb. 18, 1977	Walpole Acworth	Acworth
Barry R. Theroux Debra Ann Adams	Mar. 19, 1977	Acworth Bellows Falls, Vt.	Acworth
William S. Saunders Candace L. Isaacs	July 9, 1977	Springfield, N.H. Newton, Ma.	Acworth
James Dean Horne Karen Anne Defeo	Aug. 5, 1977	Acworth Keene	Keene
Richard Michael Mensoff Carolyn Ruth Berry	Aug. 20, 1977	Acworth Acworth	Acworth
Mark Everett Welch Rose Marie Smith	Sept. 14, 1977	Acworth Acworth	Charlestown
John Shaw Marjorie Learned	Oct. 1, 1977	Meriden, CT Kensington, CT	Acworth

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.****DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977**

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Timothy William Butson	Patricia Fern Starks Roger William Butson	May 2, 1977	Bellows Falls, VT
Andrea Palladino	Marian Yacenko Giovanni Palladino	July 9, 1977	New London
Jessica Anne Weaver	Eileen Harrington Robert Weaver	Sept. 19, 1977	Claremont
William Eric Ring	Roxie Lou Campbell Wayne Alfred Ring	Nov. 30, 1977	Keene

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.****DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Alma Carver	January 10, 1977	77	Laconia, N.H.
Edith Mae Meader	February 7, 1977	87	Bellows Falls, V. T.
Ethel M. Theroux	March 14, 1977	54	Hanover, N.H.
Harry B. Gowen	May 16, 1977	85	No. Hampton, N.H.
Everett Knight	August 17, 1977	72	Acworth, N.H.



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